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IN RE APPLICATION OF: Jon M. Bishay *et al.*

APPLICATION NO.: 09/751,382

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FOR: **APPARATUS AND METHOD FOR
COUPLING THERAPEUTIC AND/OR
MONITORING EQUIPMENT TO A PATIENT**

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Sir:

This paper responds to the first Office Action in this patent application dated August 14, 2002.

In a telephone conference held on August 6, 2002 between the Examiner and applicant's patent attorney, John Wechkin, the Examiner requested restriction of the claims to one of the following two groups: I. Claims 1-93, drawn to a support apparatus classified in class 607, subclass 115; or II. Claims 94-130, drawn to a therapy or monitoring support method, classified in class 607, subclass 1. In addition, the Examiner further requested election of a single specie of claims from the three embodiments represented by 1) couplers used for electrical therapy, 2) couplers used for drug therapy, or 3) couplers used for monitoring. In response to the Examiner's requests, the applicants provisionally elected Group I, embodiment 1, claims 1-19, 22-29, 32, 33, 36-84 and 87-93, without traverse. Applicants hereby affirm this provisional election. Non-elected claims 20, 21, 30, 31, 34, 35, 85, 86 and 94-130 have been